

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATION FOR  
THE WAR DEPARTMENT

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COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

FOUR SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1939, TO REMAIN AVAILABLE  
UNTIL JUNE 30, 1940, FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT, TOTALING  
\$945,000

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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, January 30, 1939.*

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress four supplemental estimates of appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, to remain available until June 30, 1940, for the War Department, totaling \$945,000.

The details of these supplemental estimates of appropriation, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for their transmission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget, transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations I concur.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
Washington, January 28, 1939.

The PRESIDENT,  
The White House.

SIR: I have the honor to submit for your consideration four supplemental estimates of appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, to remain available until June 30, 1940, for the War Department, totaling \$945,000, as follows:

#### SEACOAST DEFENSES

Seacoast defenses, United States: For an additional amount for seacoast defenses, United States, including the same objects specified under this head in the Military Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1939, to remain available until June 30, 1940 (10 U. S. C. 271; 31 U. S. C. 583; 52 Stat. 659)----- \$74, 000

#### QUARTERMASTER CORPS

Barracks and quarters: For an additional amount for barracks and quarters, including the same objects specified under this head in the Military Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1939, to remain available until June 30, 1940, and to be expended without reference to the limitation as to the cost of construction contained in said act and in sec. 1339, title 10, U. S. C. (10 U. S. C. 72, 1346; 52 Stat. 652)----- \$790, 000

#### NATIONAL GUARD

Expenses, camps of instruction, field and supplemental training: For an additional amount for expenses, camps of instruction, field and supplemental training, including the same objects specified under this head in the Military Appropriation Act for the fiscal year 1939, to remain available until June 30, 1940 (32 U. S. C. 21, 22, 40, 42; 52 Stat. 660)-- \$73, 000

The foregoing three supplemental estimates of appropriation are for the purpose of providing the necessary additional funds for the repair, rehabilitation, and reconstruction of buildings, utilities, and appurtenances, damaged or destroyed by the New England hurricane of September 21, 1938, at the following military posts: Fort Michie, N. Y., Fort H. G. Wright, N. Y., Fort Totten, N. Y., Fort Wetherill, R. I., Fort Adams, R. I., and Fort Hancock, N. J. It is urgently necessary that the work contemplated by these estimates be undertaken as early as possible in the interest of protection of public property, proper housing of military personnel, and restoration to effective status of facilities for national defense.

#### QUARTERMASTER CORPS

Acquisition of land, Wright Field, Ohio: For the acquisition of land, as authorized by the act of Aug. 12, 1935 (49 Stat. 610), in the vicinity of Wright Field, Ohio, fiscal year 1939, to remain available until June 30, 1940----- \$8, 000

The purpose of this supplemental estimate of appropriation is to provide for the acquisition of a strip of land comprising 7.56 acres and approximately 50 feet wide and 6,900 feet long, paralleling the northern boundary of Wright Field, near Dayton, Ohio; the major portion of such strip being between said boundary and the Dayton-Springfield Highway.

The strip of land in question was owned and used as a right-of-way by an electric interurban railroad company. This company is now in receivership under the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio and among its assets ordered sold by the court is this strip of land and improvements thereon, the latter consisting of a small brick and concrete freight warehouse. The property has been appraised at \$7,500 and it is estimated that an additional \$500 will be required to cover costs of acquisition.

It appears to be desirable that this strip of land be acquired by the War Department to facilitate removal of certain existing hazards and preclude the possibility of the development thereon of new hazards to the safe use of Wright Field by airplanes of the Army Air Corps.

The above four supplemental estimates of appropriation are to provide for contingencies which have arisen since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1939. I recommend that they be transmitted to Congress.

Very respectfully,

D. W. BELL,  
*Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget.*



